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By: **Delegate Nathan-Pulliam**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Assistance and Children's Health Programs - Directory of Health**  
3 **Care Providers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
5 provide certain directories of certain health care providers in certain formats to  
6 certain health care providers, certain enrollees in the Medical Assistance  
7 Program, and certain individuals eligible for the Maryland Children's Health  
8 Program; requiring the Department to update certain directories; requiring  
9 certain directories to include certain information; and generally relating to  
10 certain directories of certain health care providers provided by the Department  
11 of Health and Mental Hygiene under the Medical Assistance and Children's  
12 Health programs.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Health - General  
15 Section 15-103(b)(30) ~~and 15-304(e)~~  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2000 Replacement Volume)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article - Health - General  
20 Section 15-301(d)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2000 Replacement Volume)  
23 (As enacted by Chapters 15 and 16 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article - Health - General**

4 15-103.

5 (b) (30) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ENROLLEES AND HEALTH  
6 CARE PROVIDERS WITH ~~AN A REASONABLY ACCURATE AND REASONABLY CURRENT~~  
7 DIRECTORY OR OTHER LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE PROVIDERS:

8 ~~(A)~~ 1. IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST;  
9 AND

10 ~~(B)~~ 2. ON AN INTERNET DATABASE;~~AND~~

11 ~~(C)~~ ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT  
12 LOCAL LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES  
13 OFFICES.

14 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY  
15 EVERY 30 DAYS.

16 (III) THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY SHALL INCLUDE A CONSPICUOUS  
17 REFERENCE TO THE INTERNET DATABASE.

18 ~~15-304.~~ 15-301.

19 ~~(C)~~ (D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS  
20 AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITH ~~AN A REASONABLY ACCURATE AND~~  
21 ~~REASONABLY CURRENT~~ DIRECTORY OR OTHER LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE  
22 PROVIDERS:

23 ~~(A)~~ (I) IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST; AND

24 ~~(B)~~ (II) ON AN INTERNET DATABASE;~~AND~~

25 ~~(C)~~ (3) ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT LOCAL  
26 LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICES.

27 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY EVERY  
28 30 DAYS.

29 (3) THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY SHALL INCLUDE A CONSPICUOUS  
30 REFERENCE TO THE INTERNET DATABASE.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2001.

